

THREE REMARKABLE SNAPSHOTS OF THE RECENT BRITT-NELSON PRIZE FIGHT



SCENES AT THE BRITT-NELSON BOUT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

These photographs were taken by flashlight before and in the course of the battle. The picture to the right shows Nelson's seconds working desperately to bring him back to his feet between the fifth and sixth rounds, when Britt's punches commenced to take most effect.

The central picture was posed for soon after the men entered the ring. In the center is Referee Roche, on the right is Britt, while the taller man to Roche's right is Nelson.

The photo to the extreme left is a flashlight, which was taken as the twelfth round was ended. Nelson's helpers are here shown rushing to help him as the men stepped away for their minute's rest. Britt is giving his foe a parting glance before going to his own corner.

Billy Roche, the referee, will be recalled as having served as manager for Tim Callahan, when the Philadelphia man fought Austin Rice before the West End Club of this city about two years ago.

JEFFRIES WANTS GOTCH TO SHOW ABILITY BEFORE OPPOSING HIM.

Champion Hears Talk of Candidates for Heavy-Weight Honors With Impassive Mien and Says That Public Should Pick the Next Man to Fight Him—Corbett Now Says He Wants One More Trial at Jeffries.

Just who is to get into the ring with Jeffries is the problem of the hour in athletic circles. Although the candidates who profess a desire to meet him include several well-known fighters, their chances are regarded as even more dubious than those who have preceded them to defeat at Jeffries' hands.

Marvin Hart depended upon his fight with Jack Johnson to get a try at the massive Jeffries. The battle fell through, Johnson also counted upon this bout to show what he could do in his own line, and hoped to press his claim for a match in case he scored over Hart.

Then Frank Gotch blossomed out with the announcement that he is ready to take a chance at the champion. He gives numerous statistics as to why he is just as good a man as the champion. These statistics have not yet convinced sporting men that Gotch's chances are bright.

Athlete Rose has come out with a positive denial of the claim that he is desirous of entering the prize ring. He says that the statement had prejudiced him somewhat in the eyes of amateur sport followers, and that it was unfounded so far as any serious intention of taking up the game on his part was concerned.

Several other names of minor reputation, some of whom have already fought Jeffries, desire another crack at the massive bulk. Jim Corbett reversed the attitude shown in this city somewhat by stating he would not fight Fitzsimmons, but that he would like another chance at Jeffries.

When Jim was appearing at a local theater, he stated that if he fought any other man besides Jeffries, it would be Fitz. He announced that he would like to take him on once more, once his trip on the road was over.

Last week, Fitz emerged from the back ground long enough to throw a positive denial of the claim that he is desirous of entering the prize ring. Corbett was in Chicago last week and he sent a reply stating that Jeffries was the sole man he cared to meet.

"The only reason I would go in the ring again would be to have one last chance at the championship," he is quoted as saying, and I have no desire to meet Fitzsimmons again. I want to fight Jeffries once more."

SHARKEY HEARD FROM. Tom Sharkey was heard from also. Tom expressed the candid opinion that Corbett would be easy game for the massive title-holder, and stated that he would like himself to be best fitted to take another crack at Jim. So there seems to be considerable difference of opinion among the aspiring candidates, even if the sport public is of one mind as regards their chances.

Jeffries is as stoical and immovable through it all as he has been for years past. He said last week that he would fight whenever a man was picked good enough to give the patrons of the game a run for their money.

"I would like to fight in France, as that is the only place a bout could be pulled off without danger of interference as the last minute," he said, "and I want to fight some man who will put on a good showing. The public was disappointed in the Munroe fight, and they can't be blamed for getting sore. I want some man who will give a good run this time."

MCCOY IN BAD SHAPE. Kid McCoy is said to be in poor physical shape just now, and it was said last week that he would not enter the ring for a long time, and possibly might not be able to ever fight again.

His fight with Twin Sullivan had to be postponed, and it will likely be cancelled altogether. He is said to be confined to his bed, and a medical examination shows that he is in a state of nervousness, presumably induced by overtraining.

Officials of the Century Club of Los Angeles, before which the battle was to have taken place, were inclined to look on the story of McCoy's sickness with a good deal of suspicion at first, but an examination convinced them that he was in no trim for a hard battle.

Charley Thompson spent the greater part

of last week in Chicago, but his presence in that city did not result in any hours of national importance being arranged. He is said to have made offers for some good-sized matches, but nothing of widespread interest has been done at the time of this writing.

The explosion in the West End Club, which resulted in the "collapse" of the fighters agreeing to a draw verdict, does not seem to have operated locally either one way or the other. The general impression seems to be that it was a case of Much Ado about Little. That the fighters were in fault for agreeing or endeavoring to agree to a draw verdict, assuming that the story of the Atoll faction is correct and they did discuss such a move.

CHAMPION JIM JEFFRIES CLAIMS HE HAS NOT BEEN HURT IN THE RING

Former Boilermaker States That No Punch Yet Landed Upon Him Has Really Found a Weak Spot—Jeff Claims That His Stomach Is the Strongest Point of All.

While in Denver last week champion Jim Jeffries became talkative and made the announcement that he had never yet been hurt in a prize-ring contest, regardless of the force which seemed to be behind the blows landed upon him.

According to the champion, he has never been hurt in any of his ring battles. He does not seem to have a weak spot.

In fact, the big boilermaker seems to be stronger in some parts which have always been considered the most vulnerable to land a knock-out. Jeffries says that one of his strongest points is his stomach, which, he claims, has never caused him trouble from a punch. Fitzsimmons' great solar plexus, it was thought, would cause the champion considerable inconvenience were a blow landed there, but the champion's work and development makes him almost immune from such a mishap.

In speaking of his hands, those great fists that have numbered among his victims a quartet of America's greatest modern fighters, Jeffries said they were just as strong today as when he entered the ring. His hands are not so strong, however, as his stomach, for he claims that they do more harm than good. The only injury to his hands, he says, was caused by the use of bandages which he put on for experiment. Jeffries owes his great physical powers to good fortune and hard work in the boiler factory, where he developed a mass of muscles that enabled him to withstand the strain of a ring battle without any serious mishap.

STOMACH PUNCHES DON'T COUNT. "Do you know that a blow in the stomach has never hurt me as yet?" said Champion Jeffries. "I want to tell you a funny thing about that. When I fought Kid McCoy, he was throwing all over the ring. Suddenly I turned my head and saw Billy Madden mauling Kid to hit me in the stomach. I straightened up and allowed him to strike me as hard as he could. Then I punched him in the nose, and he layed on his back. He never got up. He said: 'Madden, don't tell me to do that again, or it will be all over with me.' Madden saw the joke and laughed."

"My stomach has always been in good shape. I have never had any trouble at all. I never wake up with a bad taste in my mouth, and that more than anything else, convinces me that my stomach must be organically perfect."

"It's a queer thing to watch a large audience and the expressions on their faces when a man gets hit. I have had men hit me in the face, for instance, Fitzsimmons, and a thousand voices would 'whoop' all over the house, while I could hear them near the ring-side say, 'That was a terrible blow,' and I want to tell

is certain. But sport followers are still puzzled to know why the men were put on for a second battle if such indignation was felt over the first affair by Charley Haughton.

Where the menace lies is really in the betting end of the game. And while wagering this city is so slight as to be of little moment, speculation on fights might be worked up by astute efforts and quite a degree of capital made out of it.

Moreover, the innocent spectator at a fight who wagers a \$5 bill to keep up his interest in one of the boxers, is just as worthy of protection, or more so, than the professional betting element which would speedily spring into evidence if such money was handled on the result of any battle.

On this account, any agreement between the men should be announced from the ring, or what would be better, should be secretly prohibited. There is always a tendency to lay on the men's part, if they are assured of a draw by merely staying on their feet. And while patrons would be protected by the announcement of an agreement, the prohibition of such understandings would benefit the fighting game.

Joe Macias, who had Kid Carter here last spring, is now endeavoring to match Larry Temple, the negro middle weight, with Young Peter Jackson. Macias has posted a forfeit in Baltimore to bind the match.

"BIG" RALPH ROSE TO PLAY FOOTBALL

Shot-Putter Will Be Either Guard or Tackle With Michigan Eleven.

TELLS TRAINING SECRETS.

Declares He Has Adopted a Physical Course Devoted to Producing Union Among the Muscles.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Jan. 7.—Ralph Rose, the young giant of the University of Michigan, who holds the record for putting the shot, and is also a member of the Michigan football team, has returned to the college at Ann Arbor.

The great athlete was in the best of moods yesterday, and before he started for his train gave a long interview bearing upon his training and the secrets of his success in shot putting.

Rose explained in a nutshell that training with a view to developing the muscles used in shot putting was the secret of his success in that particular branch of sport.

"I do not mean by this statement," said Rose, "that I neglect the training of any set of muscles over another, but that I have brought my training down to a science. I have studied the anatomical charts and have learned the muscles put in action by shot-putting. These muscles I have given much attention. As a result I hold four world's records."

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Footbal, NEXT SEASON. Rose said that he was going to play on the Michigan football team next season, a statement of interest to the followers of the gridiron game. This giant, pronounced the physically perfect athlete, will play guard or tackle, which will mean that he will be one of the mainstays of the team.

Rose is a giant, it might be said, by heredity. His father is over 6 feet tall, and he is over 6 feet tall. He is a member of the family of athletes, and he is a member of the family of athletes.

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cles that I get the power for shot-putting. There is only one other man who uses the same style as shot-putting as I do. He is John Flanagan. He has the proper style.

"I put the power to the shot the minute it reaches my fingers in sliding from the palm of the hand, my elbow acting as a fulcrum. To this is added the initial power given by the upper arm and chest muscles."

The real power is given the shot at the second stride, gradually increasing to let the shot go."

Rose also claims that his height has much to do with his success in shot-putting. His reach is eighty-six inches, or ten inches longer than Champion Jeffries. He has a quick, cat-like action, and can carry his 250 pounds over a hundred yard in under 10 seconds.

Comparing the qualities of the University of Michigan football eleven and the great Yale team of last season, Rose said he did not entertain the slightest doubt that the Michigan team would readily defeat Yale. He claimed his college mates were faster, had a better system of plays and, individual for individual, were equal if not better than the Yale eleven.

Speaking generally, Rose admitted that the East had more good athletes than the West, but he pointed out that there was more competition in the East and more material to draw upon. The East given to young athletes, the West given to old athletes.

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12-pound hammer 191 feet and put the 12-pound shot 56 feet 3 1/2 inches. In his first college competition against Cornell, he won the shot-put with a put of 48 feet 8 inches, nearly three feet over the world's record. This mark was not allowed, because at the time Rose had not been in college long enough to take part in actual competition.

Measured recently by Keene Fitzpatrick, Rose was pronounced the first physically perfect man to enter the University of Michigan, his measurements being as follows:

Height..... 6 ft. 2 in. Right arm down..... 34 in. Left arm down..... 34 in. Chest (traverse)..... 44 in. Left arm up..... 24 in. Right arm up..... 24 in. Chest (natural)..... 44 in. Left thigh..... 24 in. Right thigh..... 24 in. Waist..... 34 in. Right calf..... 14 in. Left calf..... 14 in. Hip..... 44 in. Lung capacity..... 25

SCHOOL CHUMS BROKERS. Three Millionaires' Sons to Begin Business Monday.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Jan. 7.—Three young Columbia College men, with the proverbial golden spoon, will next week embark in business with prospects of the most bright kind.

H. W. and William Brook Shoemaker, sons of Henry F. Shoemaker, worth \$400,000, and J. Tower Bates, son of the dry goods magnate, Alfred W. Bates, will on January 9 open a broker's office at No. 21 Broad street to deal in all-edge securities.

The three were at one time notable in

college athletics. William Brook Shoemaker was manager of Columbia's football team and Bates was with the crew. Their clerks will be mostly former college athletes and fraternity men.

PROJECTILE MISSES BABY. Junk Men Blow Huge Piece of Iron Into House.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Mass., Jan. 7.—Junk dealers attempted to break up a heavy piece of old iron with dynamite. A casting weighing 100 pounds crashed through the roof of the home of Carl Anderson, 18 yards distant, and came within a few inches of striking Anderson's baby. The child slept through the explosion, which thousands thought was an earthquake. The junk men were unhurt.

RUSSIAN LEARNS POLITENESS. He Took "Land of the Free" Mot to Too Literally.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Jan. 7.—Full-bearded and with a slight knowledge of the English language, a Russian immigrant hanged out of the Barge Office yesterday, after he had been released from the boat from Ellis Island, and made life miserable for all in his path with a trunk which he dragged after him. Detective Mury remonstrated with the man.

"Mind your own business; I'm in the land of the free now," said the Russian. He was put through the third degree of politeness and given some timely advice. He departed chastened.

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